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# EAT

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# My bloody expensive Valentine

## HOW ROMANTIC! SPENDING IS UP THIS YEAR

### Los Angeles Times

Romance doesn't come cheap—at least not on St. Valentine's Day.

A dozen red roses usually costs about \$60, according to the Society of American Florists. But with Valentine's Day coming next week, most people will pay about \$80, the trade group said.

And although restaurant prices don't

change, people tend to eat at more upscale restaurants for those Valentine's dates. Romantic couples will spend an average of \$146.52 on Valentine's dinner dates, according to restaurant ratings guide Zagat, compared with about \$70 on a typical meal for two.

"On Valentine's Day, budgets go out the window," Zagat spokeswoman Tiffany Herkots said.

Prices for other Valentine's staples such as chocolates, jewelry and lingerie aren't rising, but consumers shouldn't expect to find many bargains either.

Overall, the average consumer will spend \$126.03 on Valentine's Day this year, according to the National Retail Federation. That's the highest in 10 years, and up 8.5 percent from 2011—for a total of \$17.6 billion thanks to the improving economy and increased consumer spending power, federation spokes-

woman Kathy Grannis said.

It's the one time when men don't want to seem like they are pinching pennies.

"It's a holiday that strikes fear and dread in men," said author Carole Townsend, who has written about Valentine's Day. "They're so afraid they're going to mess up no matter what they do. Sometimes they'll confuse the costs of the gift with the meaning of the gift, and they think, 'If you don't know what to do, just throw money at it.'"





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# Like Miss Piggy, Fox is aging well



**John Giokaris**  
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I never thought we would see the day when the Muppets would have to defend themselves against accusations of pushing a liberal agenda. But sure enough, during a news conference to promote their new movie last month, Kermit and Miss Piggy found themselves doing just that.

For anyone who hasn't seen the movie, the villain is an oil baron named Tex Richman who wants to destroy the Muppet studios to dig for oil. Shortly after the movie debuted in November, a conservative guest on a Fox News program claimed the Muppets were brainwashing kids with anti-corporate messages.

I'm a big fan of Fox News, but I have to admit the Muppets handled themselves pretty well when a reporter asked them to comment. Miss Piggy retaliated with, "It's almost as laughable as accusing Fox News of, you know, being news." Kermit then added, "Boy, that's going to be all over the Internet." He was right.

Just last week, Fox News celebrated 10 consecutive years as the No. 1-rated cable news network, so they gotta be doing something right.

Critics such as Jon Stewart claim Fox's success can be attributed to selling the "clearest narrative of any news organization." Others go so far as to claim Fox simply lies.

Relax, people.

Fox is a news organization like any other. You have your hard news programs and your opinion programs. The network's hard news coverage is just as fair and balanced as anyone else's; it's the opinion pieces that make liberals melt down faster than the Patriots' defense in a Super Bowl.

It's ridiculous that Fox gets attacked for inviting conservative voices on its shows. Other news networks, such as MSNBC, openly advertise that their hosts are loud and proud liberals, yet nobody flips out—maybe because no one's watching them anyway.

Studies have shown a growing number of



REUTERS

viewers get their news from satirical shows such as "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report"—and it's probably safe to assume the vast majority of those viewers are liberals. That's their choice, but how can they accuse Fox News viewers like me of being "misinformed" when they're getting their information from Comedy Central? That's like accusing someone of being an idiot for believing everything he reads in the newspapers when you're spending all your time on Facebook, TMZ and Hulu.

There's a whole 50 percent market share of conservatives in America who like to hear some voices in the news that represent their perspectives in an ocean of left-leaning media. The real genius of Fox's programming is the network automatically soaks up that entire right half of potential viewership. (It's also no secret that Fox has the hottest news anchors in the world, and a pretty face never hurt. I mean, there's a reason they call it *Fox* News.)

So what's wrong with providing the other half of America with just one network that has right-leaning voices? You sure won't find them on any other channel.

And you don't have to agree with every opinion maker's comment on any given network. Who does? But every side wants to be heard. So let the opinions fly—I just get a kick out of watching Muppets answer questions about brainwashing kids!

JOHN GOKARIS IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

# PRESIDENTIAL PLAYLIST

Now this is a president who knows how to work the Interwebs. President Obama's campaign Wednesday took to Tumblr to announce the commander in chief's official playlist ... which was assembled on Spotify (and then presumably shared on Facebook and Twitter). Here is a sampling of the prez's eclectic list of tracks.

**I Got You**  
*Wilco*

**This**  
*Darius Rucker*

**We Used To Wait**  
*Arcade Fire*

**You've Got The Love**  
*Florence + The Machine*

**Even Better Than The Real Thing**  
*U2*

**AND OF COURSE ... Let's Stay Together**  
*Al Green*



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## REDEYE TEXT-IN POLL

### IS CHICAGO A MISERABLE CITY?

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**Editor's note:** Any chance the results of this less-than-formal poll would be different if we asked in the summer?

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# POLITICS & THE PILL

## 1965

In this year, the Supreme Court tackled the issue of birth control when the landmark *Griswold v. Connecticut* case was decided by a 7-2 vote. In the ruling, the court overturned a Connecticut law banning all forms of birth control, saying there was a right to privacy.

## WHAT'S ALL THE YELLING ABOUT? THE FACTS BEHIND THE DEBATES

By Georgia Garvey

REDEYE

Imagine something that made it onto so many dinner tables it was just called “the food,” or a fashion brand worn so often it was referred to merely as “the clothes.”

The idea underscores the far-reaching impact of “the pill,” the hormonal birth control drug that’s been around for more than 50 years in something very close to its current form. But events during the past two weeks have again put birth control in the national spotlight, embroiling those on all points of the political spectrum in a debate about women’s rights, religious freedom and the role of government in health care.

Catholic bishops this week vowed to fight new health care rules going into effect this year that would require hospital and university employers to offer health insurance that would cover birth control 100 percent—even if those hospitals and universities are religiously affiliated. The resulting controversy has drawn comments from political candidates, lawmakers and media pundits about whether that rule violates employers’ religious freedom.

This comes just days after Susan G. Komen’s decision to defund breast exams at Planned Parenthood clinics caused a national debate. Though that flap centered mostly on the abortion debate, Planned Parenthood is a major provider of contraceptive services in the U.S.

Add to that attention from a huge birth control pill recall last week and you have a country seemingly obsessed with the topic.

With contraception under the microscope this month, RedEye collected some of the many digits, quotes and factoids surrounding its complex past and future. [GGARVEY@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:GGARVEY@TRIBUNE.COM) | [@GCGARVEY](https://www.instagram.com/gcgarvey)



## THIRTY YEARS

The average American woman spends about three decades trying to prevent unintended pregnancy, according to reproductive health researcher the Guttmacher Institute.

## HOT SEAT

Birth control pills Yaz, Yasmin and their generic versions have been in the hot seat lately, with some research showing an increased risk of blood clots and other serious problems. The Project on Government Oversight reported last month that four FDA panelists who voted to keep those drugs on the market had financial ties to manufacturers of the drug or its generic equivalent. POGO reported that in 2010, 2.5 million women got Yaz, Yasmin or a generic product containing the active ingredient in the drug.

## 1 MILLION

Last week, drug maker Pfizer recalled 1 million packages of birth control pills, including Lo/Ovral-28, Norgestrel and Ethinyl Estradiol. Pfizer officials said they were recalling the drugs because some of the packages had too many placebo pills and might not prevent pregnancy.

## \$25

That’s the price of the morning-after pills being sold in a Pennsylvania college’s vending machines, according to CBS. Shippensburg University says the vending machine is in an area only students can access and that there are no students younger than 17 at the school (who legally would need a prescription to get the medication).

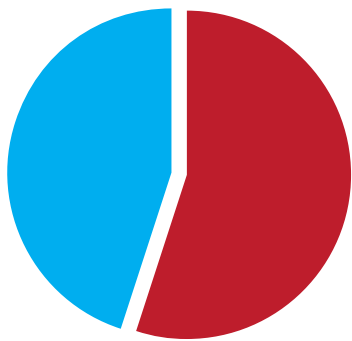
## Other techniques and products

When we’re talking birth control, we often think “the pill.” But there are other ways to prevent or reduce the risk of pregnancy. Here are just some of the many kinds of contraception out there.



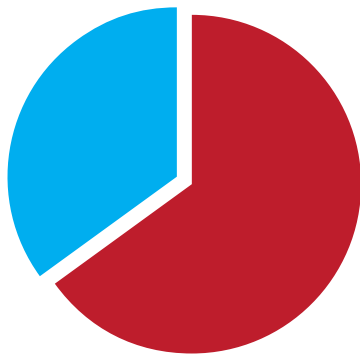


**POLL POSITION** A poll released Tuesday by the Public Religion Research Institute showed attitudes on medical coverage of birth control varies across gender, religious and age lines. Here is a sampling.



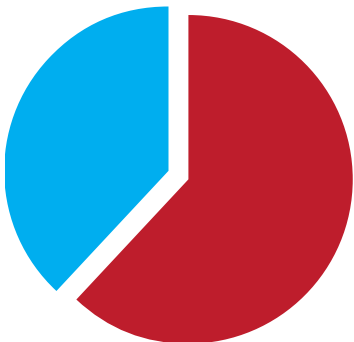
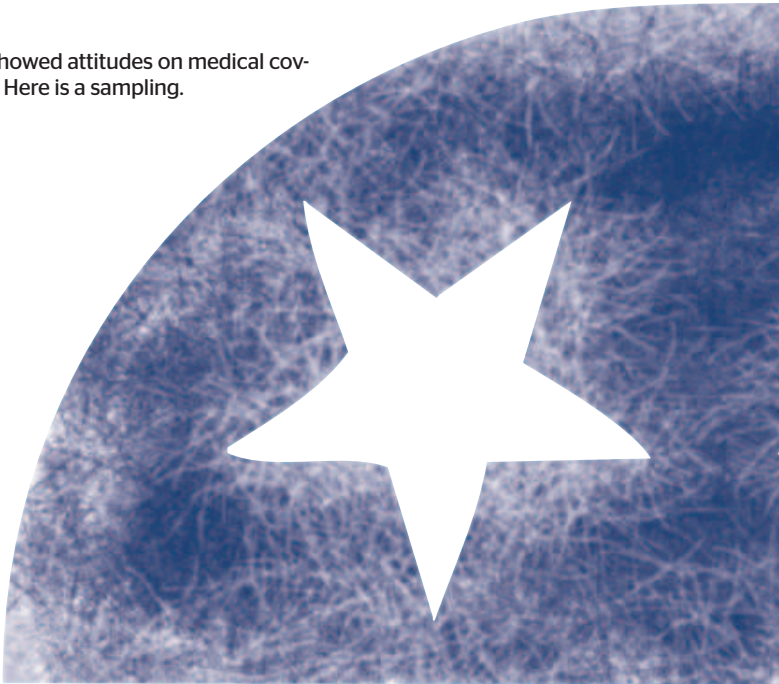
**55 PERCENT**

Percentage of people surveyed who said employers should be required to provide employees with health care plans that cover contraception and birth control at no cost.



**65 PERCENT**

Percentage of those ages 18-29 who said employers' health plans should have to include free birth control, but only 40 percent of those 65 or older agreed with them.

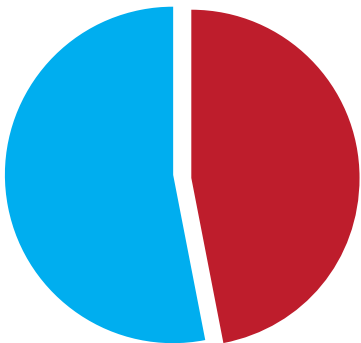


**62 PERCENT**

Percentage of women who said employers should have to offer health care plans that cover birth control.

“We stand here ready to oppose any attack that is being launched against women’s rights and women’s health.”

—**Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand** (D-New York)



**47 PERCENT**

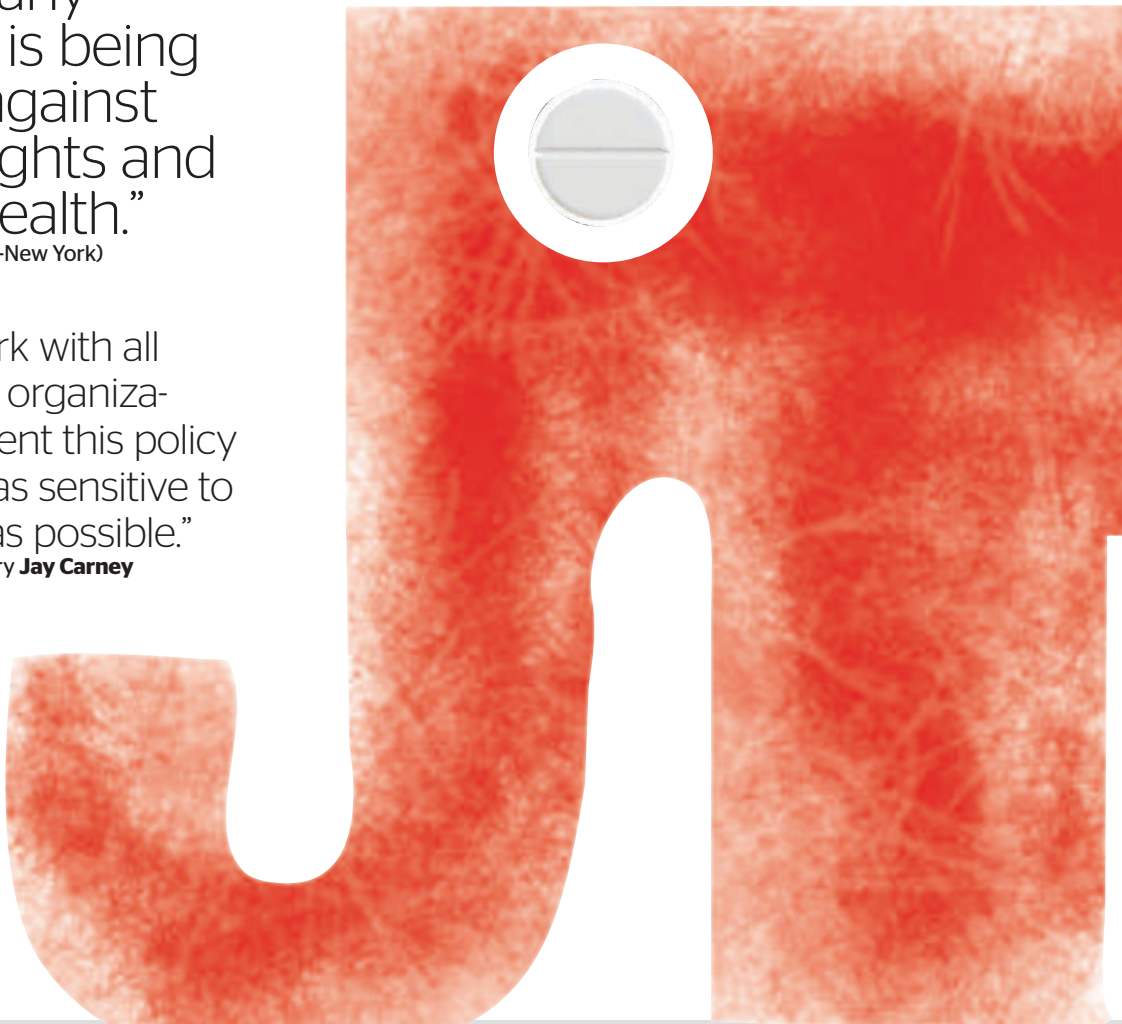
Percentage of men who said employers should have to offer health care plans that cover birth control.

“We want to work with all these [religious] organizations to implement this policy in a way that is as sensitive to their concerns as possible.”

—White House press secretary **Jay Carney**

“This is not a women’s rights issue. ... This is a religious liberty issue.”

—**Sen. Kelly Ayotte** (R-New Hampshire)



- Birth control pills, shots or vaginal inserts
- Condoms
- Diaphragms or cervical caps
- Intrauterine devices
- Sterilization
- Spermicides
- Natural family planning or the “rhythm method”
- Plan B or the “morning-after” pill



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FRIDAY  
**33**<sup>17</sup>  
Le snowSATURDAY  
**26**<sup>16</sup>  
Le cold

Marcos Vargas, of Hammond, Ind., attends the 2009 South Side Irish Parade. JOSÉ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE FILE

# Parade or no parade ...

Don't get too excited: South Side St. Pat's event still has hurdles to clear

## Chicago Tribune

Mayor Emanuel's administration indicated this week that it doesn't think the group trying to resurrect the South Side Irish Parade, shut down three years ago because of drunken violence, is prepared to pull it off.

In a letter to the parade committee, the administration asked for additional details about its plans for security, and also called for a public meeting on those plans.

Although the parade committee's application for the March 11 event has been accepted, a permit is not issued until the organizers prepay for city services that include putting up barricades and parade-route signs, an administration official said Wednesday.

"Before we seek the payment, we would hope that the parade committee will come to the conclusion that it is not ready to

hold this event," the official said.

Joseph Connelly, who heads the parade committee, said he believes his group will be able to run a "safe, family-friendly" event.

"We're confident that working with the city we'll get to the right place," he said.

Connelly questioned the need for a public meeting, saying his group held four such meetings in August and early September. "Right now our focus is on having the parade, not having another public meeting," he said.

Ald. Matthew O'Shea (19th), a onetime parade organizer, has repeatedly called for another public meeting on the parade and said most local residents weren't aware of the previous meetings. In fact, residents were surprised to learn that parade plans were moving forward, he said.

O'Shea contends the parade committee's security plan is sparse on detail, a perception echoed by the administration in its letter.

Although the parade committee has been working with a prominent security company, the contract for parade-day security has yet to be written and signed, Connelly said.

The parade committee is about halfway to its goal of raising \$200,000. One sponsor is City Beverage, which distributes Guinness and Bud Light, Connelly said. The company will help promote the event's zero-tolerance policy, he said.

The parade, first held in 1979, was discontinued after 2009 when alcohol-fueled violence near the increasingly popular event led to injuries to police officers and others.



**THE QUOTE**

I believe that the student who provided the original design should also be recognized for his talent and participation in the contest. I want to encourage him to pursue a degree where he can continue to develop his skills."

—Chicago City Clerk **Susana Mendoza** (above), who said Thursday she would personally pay for a \$1,000 bond for the 15-year-old boy whose winning city sticker design was scrapped amid questions about whether the artwork contained gang symbols. **BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE PHOTO**

## EXPRESS LINES

» Mayor Emanuel on Thursday said he wants state lawmakers to approve a statewide handgun registry.

» Two women and a man were injured Thursday morning in a three-car collision involving a wrong-way driver on Lake Shore Drive, according to police.

» Lawyers for the city of Chicago told a federal judge Thursday they have reached a \$6.2 million settlement with more than 800 plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit stemming from the mass arrests of war protesters in 2003. **TRIBUNE**





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# It's hard out there for Millennials

**LOS ANGELES** As the nation climbs slowly out of the Great Recession, young adults appear to be having the toughest time of any age group gaining a foothold in the recovering economy. Those difficulties, in turn, are shaping their decisions about careers, schooling, marriage and parenthood, according to a new report.

The analysis by the Pew Research Center, released Thursday, examines the effects of the recession on the lives and attitudes of young Americans ages 18-34.

"The economy may be improving, but in spite of the recent decline in unemployment, young people are still really struggling," said Kim Parker, associate director of Pew's Social and Demographic Trends Project and a co-author of the study.

The tough times are forcing changes in young adults' daily lives and in their longer-term plans.

Nearly half say that in recent years they've taken a job they didn't really want to pay the bills. More than one-third have gone back to school because of the poor economy. About one-third have postponed either their plans to

get married or have a child, and one in four say they have moved back in with their parents after living independently. And fewer than half of young people who now are employed say they have the education and training necessary to get ahead in their jobs.

With government economic data showing a record gap in employment levels between the young and all working-age adults, the Pew survey found that 41 percent of Americans believe young adults have been hit harder by the recession than other age groups, while 29 percent said middle-aged adults have had the toughest time, and 24 percent said those 65 and older have had the worst of it.

Large majorities of those surveyed also said it was harder for today's young adults to reach basic financial goals that their parents' generation took for granted, including saving for the future, paying for college or buying a home.

Young people themselves also are acutely aware of their struggles, the study showed. Half of those 18-34 said their age group has suffered the most because of the nation's weak economy.



## Snack time

A red panda eats in its zoo enclosure Thursday in Cologne, Germany. The red panda is listed as endangered species. **GETTY IMAGES**

## Officials seize 15 tons of meth

Mexican troops have made a historic seizure of 15 tons of pure methamphetamine in the western state of Jalisco. The haul could have supplied 13 million doses worth more than \$4 billion on U.S. streets, authorities announced late Wednesday.

## The Supreme Court live!

Proceedings of the U.S. Supreme Court, long kept out of the view of most Americans, would be televised under a bipartisan bill approved Thursday by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

## Jobs' FBI docs released

Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, hailed as one of the greatest technology visionaries of his generation, dabbled in illicit drugs in his youth and alienated colleagues yet commanded universal respect, according to interviews conducted by the FBI in the 1990s.

## THE DIGIT

# \$3.3 billion

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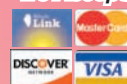
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## RE-INVENTING THE WHEELS

Concept cars are less fanciful, more strategic and back at the auto show

### Chicago Tribune

It has been a dismal few years for concept cars, those several-million-dollar and one-of-a-kind vehicles that always bring excitement to the auto show circuit. Few and far between, they have been closer to production than to flight-of-fancy designs unlikely to be parked in a garage.

But this year, especially at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, concept cars made somewhat of a comeback, although most were still on the more practical side. Here are the concepts that will be on display at the 2012 Chicago Auto Show.

### Lexus LF-LC

This hybrid sport coupe concept showcases the future design direction for Lexus and its vision of a rear-wheel-drive premium sport coupe.



### Volvo Concept You

Volvo says this concept has a "more daring, coupelike profile" than an earlier one.



### Kia Track'ster

Carrying out an enthusiast and performance theme, instead of rear seats, the back is taken up by tools, equipment and gear to take the Track'ster, well, to the track.



### Honda Accord Coupe

This provides a look at the new athletic styling direction for the all-new 2013 Accord models going on sale this fall.

### Chevrolet Tru 140S

This sporty concept is designed to look fast and addresses the desire for an affordable, exotic Italian sports car.



### Chevrolet Code 130R

Chevy says this is a different, boxy take on that four-passenger coupe, one that represents "pure functional muscle" without a retro feel.

### 104th Chicago Auto Show

**When:** Friday through Feb. 19  
**Where:** McCormick Place North and South (23rd Street and Lake Shore Drive)

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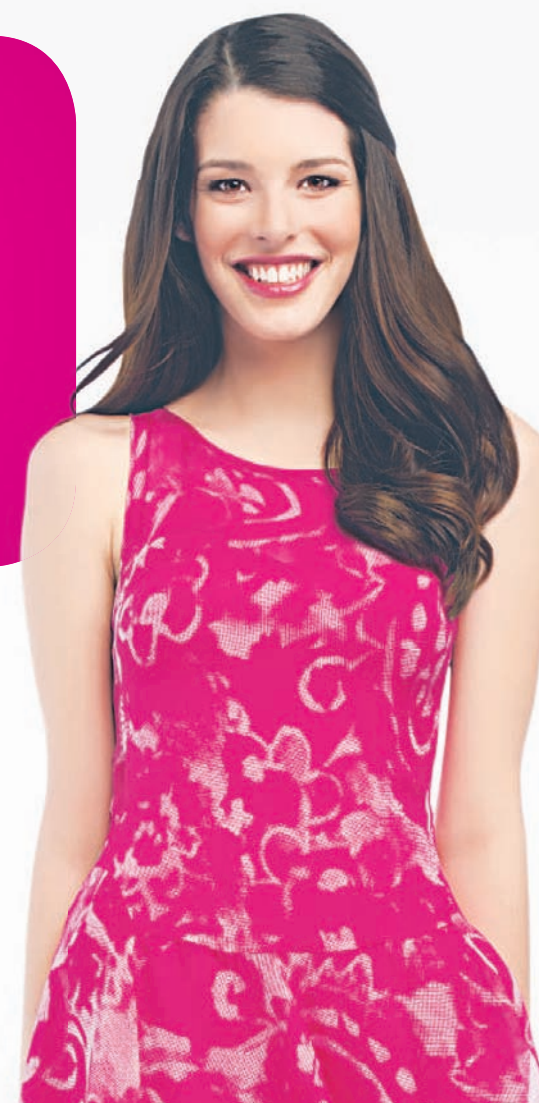
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# SOX FAN CAM

Think you can make a commercial for the team? It could earn you \$7,500

By Taylor Ervin

REDEYE

White Sox fans, your team needs your help. To promote its 2012 "Appreciate the Game" campaign, the team is crafting four TV ads that will air beginning on opening day.

That's where fans come in.

The Sox have partnered with Pop Tent, the online creative community that produced John Stamos' Oikos Greek Yogurt commercial for the Super Bowl, to allow fans to pitch their ad ideas.

Fans can submit their videos to Pop Tent online for a chance to win \$7,500 and have their 30-second commercial appear on TV. Videos must be submitted before Feb. 20.

"This is simply a fun way to further engage our fans," said Brooks Boyer, White Sox senior vice president of sales and marketing. "We worked with our creative agency, Ener-

gy BBDO, to come up with the 'Appreciate the Game' campaign and thought it would be fun to see what ideas our fans presented within the context of that campaign."

As of Tuesday, more than 650 fans had accepted the video "assignment" from **pop-tent.com**, with 16 videos already submitted. The assignment guidelines ask fans to help celebrate the arrival of new Sox manager Robin Ventura and to focus on four main categories: the U.S. Cellular fan experience, family, friends, and fun at the ballpark.

The guidelines also urge fans to submit videos that are positive and that do "not disparage other people, organizations or MLB teams." That means no Cubs bashing, South Siders.

Boyer said videos with strong production quality will air as is, but videos strong in concept and lacking in production value will be

## READY TO ENTER?

For more details or to submit your own video, visit: [poptent.net/assignment/387](http://poptent.net/assignment/387).

re-shot. Boyer and the team's partners at Energy BBDO plan to select four winners. However, they may select fewer videos if they feel that there are not four videos that align with the vision of the campaign.

"This whole crowd-sourcing concept is interesting to us," Boyer said. "We realized you didn't need people with an institutional knowledge of baseball to show how fans can appreciate the game."

The Sox plan to announce the winners Feb. 29. The commercials will begin airing on opening day and will continue to be rolled out throughout the summer.

## Surprise! A smart Bears hire



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Lo, behold, it's a sign of light. That was some terrible English, and half those words probably don't exist—yet—but the Bears may have gotten one right.

Jeremy Bates, quarterbacks coach and future foul language confidant of Jay Cutler, welcome aboard.

I'm so glad it's a) someone Cutler has worked with before and b) someone Cutler has worked really well with before. As in 2008, Pro Bowl season, 4,500 yards.

You figure with Bears QBs at their usual 1,000 yards-a-season clip, it takes 4.5 years to come up with that around here. Of course, please consider that it was Denver and they did have a) an offensive line and b) actual receivers—actual as in not like the ones we have.

So, now we just need a) an offensive line and b) receivers.

My plan is simple. Trade for Brandon Marshall, sign Vincent Jackson and draft Michael Floyd. Yeah, get 'em all while we have the muscle.

Offensive line: Earn your money. Phil Emery, find us some gems in the draft—the way Jerry Angelo couldn't.

Also, new offensive line coach Tim Holt? Never heard of him. So you know Lovie Smith got his guy.

OK, too much else to worry about right now. Like the Blackhawks. I ask this in all honesty: Who's left?

Half the dudes have the flu. They've lost like 10 in a row. Now is not the time for negativity and pointing of fingers.

Yes it is. I see mishandlings of the puck, turning it over in the offensive zone, other miscues. This is starting to remind me of the Alpo Suhonen years. Ooh, made you remember. Do you feel sick? You should.

So, I can't tell: Corey Crawford—is that career over or is it just beginning? Because now we have Ray Emery.

The Bulls are kind of sick too. D-Rose day-to-day. Maybe it's just a case of the winter blahs, but every time I pick up a paper (that's a lie—no one picks up a paper anymore) someone is banged up. Hello, Luol Deng.

Whoever else. I don't care. Thanks to a lack of college basketball, we're forced to watch.

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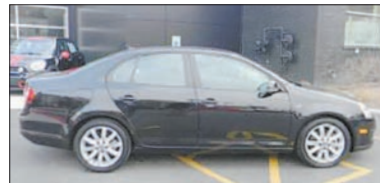
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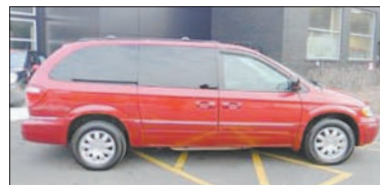
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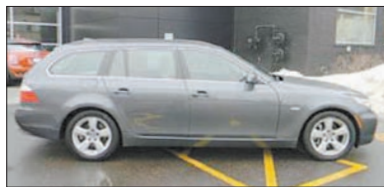
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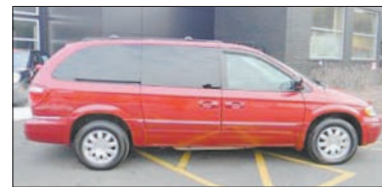
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2	<b>What's been the most worrisome thing about the Blackhawks' losing streak?</b>	Talk of Coach Q's job being in danger.	They've gone from first to sixth, and Q wants to take "baby steps."	They haven't been scoring as many goals as the other team.	The fact that it coincides with an amazing run by the Red Wings. Of course it does.	There's been a disturbing lack of Hossa recently.
3	<b>The Blackhawks next play at home Feb. 19. What happens between now and then?</b>	The Cubs will win as many games as the Blackhawks.	Hopefully, a quarantine on the remaining players with the flu. Didn't we all just recover from the contagion?	Moronic fans will call sports-talk shows asking for Coach Q's head. Morons.	The slow, deathly return to mediocrity and the back of the sports pages.	A lot more drinking to help us forget these six straight losses.
4	<b>Why are we hearing now Tom Brady might've been injured in the Super Bowl?</b>	Because Bill Belichick is honorary director of the CIA.	We were all too busy discussing Gisele to actually care about a little shoulder boo-boo.	Because Gisele's "Blame Everyone Else" strategy didn't work.	He played badly and his wife acted like an unmentionable. Time to take cover.	A cover-up by Evil Lord Belichick.
5	<b>Who is your most hated athlete?</b>	Tracy Swartz. 50 races in 50 states? Puts us all to shame.	Brett Favre. He's just above every player from the Monstars in "Space Jam."	Charles Martin. Forever and always.	Right now? LeBron. Five years from now? LeBron. Ten years? LeBron.	Shaq. He crushes me every time he touches me.



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# HOT DENG!

## Bulls forward selected to his first All-Star team

**CHARLOTTE** Two things were on the mind of Derrick Rose after the Bulls crushed New Orleans on Wednesday. One, he loves his team, saying: "We're on a mission." Two, he hopes Luol Deng will make his first NBA All-Star team.

"He deserves it," Rose said. "I'd be more hurt than Lu [if it doesn't happen], knowing he has a nonchalant attitude about making the team."

And Thursday on TNT, it was announced that Deng was named a reserve for the Feb. 26 All-Star Game in Orlando, Fla.

Deng will meet the media at the Bulls' shootaround in Charlotte on Friday morning.

Other Eastern Conference All-Star reserves include Chris Bosh, Roy Hibbert, Andre Iguodala, Joe Johnson, Paul Pierce and Deron Williams.

What hurts his cause is that he missed seven games with a left wrist injury. What helps is he's the second-best player on a team that's 22-6. "We have one of the best records in the league and he is a huge, huge part of it," guard Kyle Korver said.

## HOT DATE

# FEB. 13

That's when the cover of the 2012 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue will be revealed on the "Late Show with David Letterman." Ten of the models in the issue also will present that night's Top Ten List.



## Woods returns to the course

Tiger Woods is beginning to look at least a little bit like the Tiger of old. Woods began his 2012 PGA Tour campaign with six birdies and two bogeys Thursday to finish with a 4-under 68 in the first round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Woods is paired with amateur Tony Romo of the Dallas Cowboys. Yeehaw!

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# movies

Channing  
Tatum and  
Rachel  
McAdams in  
'The Vow'



## Love and amnesia

Rachel McAdams can't remember. She can't remember the car wreck involving a Meat Loaf song, she can't remember her hottie husband and she can't remember making "The Notebook."

"The Vow" brings her character back to consciousness to a relieved Channing Tatum—except in her mind, she's still engaged to another dude. Awkward.

Still, this isn't uncharted territory. Lovers have been dealing with amnesia and the deepest of slumbers on the big screen since Disney's first full-length feature. **MCR**



### Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs 1937

A jealous cougar slips our heroine a poisoned apple, but her height-

challenged friends set her up in a snazzy glass coffin so a convenient prince can snap her out of it.



### Sleeping Beauty 1959

Having scared little girls away from apples, Disney sets out to demonize sewing. An enchanted spindle causes the coma this time,

and a fairy trio spreads the sleep around, putting the whole kingdom under until the prince can hack his way through the forest.



### While You Were Sleeping 1995

Our coma victim, Peter Gallagher, is not really Sandra

Bullock's fiancé, which is a good thing, because she's hooking up with his brother, Bill Pullman.



# HOLLYWOOD LOVE FEST

## AW, THAT'S SWEET: 'VOW' CO-STARS ARE TRUE BELIEVERS IN ROMANCE

### MCT

Although they're just co-stars in the new tear-jerker romance "The Vow," if you didn't know any better it'd be easy to think Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams are an old married couple.

The actors laugh at each other's jokes, finish each other's sentences and compliment each other like a couple who have been together longer than the weeks it takes to make a movie.

That chemistry helps sell the story of a woman who emerges from a coma with no memory of her marriage. It's up to her husband to find a way to restore those memories.

"This film says that love can survive a lot," McAdams says.

"The Vow" suggests there is one great love and that despite tremendous obstacles, it can never die.

"Love is such an intense and wonderful thing it can be applied in many wonderful forms," McAdams says. "I do believe you can fall in love with more than one person but that there's that one person who comes along you want to make a different kind of commitment to them. I think at a certain point there is someone who comes along and you want to do that with—maybe, hopefully, it's forever."

As for the movie's message about marriage, McAdams passes the question off to Tatum. While she's not married, Tatum has been married to Jenna Dewan since 2009.

Tatum finds it sad the divorce rate is so high in the U.S. and suggests it might be because not enough time is taken to get to know the other person. He spent almost six years with Dewan before they were wed.

"I don't think people go at it in the right way anymore," Tatum says. "We are in such a culture of 'right now' and everything is instant."

Both Tatum and McAdams came into the project with romances on their resumes. McAdams starred in "The Notebook" and "The Time Traveler's Wife" while Tatum was in "Dear John."

"The Vow" features many of the elements that appear in romances. One thing Tatum hates about filming a romance is scenes in which a couple appears to be sharing a laugh while mood music plays over the scene. To get the footage, a director will stand off stage shouting at the couple to throw their heads back and laugh.

To make the scene look real, Tatum tells McAdams a joke.

She throws her head back and laughs.

"See. It always works," Tatum says.

## CHICAGO SPOTTING

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# It's kinda forgettable



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**The Vow**  
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Channing Tatum gets a bad rap, but the failings of "The Vow" lie primarily on his (often-bare) shoulders.

The Chicago-set story, inspired by true events but told like an ordinary, contrived slice of soap, brings an ocean of sorrow: Paige (Rachel McAdams) wakes up, following a brain injury-causing car accident and coma, with no memory of her husband, Leo (Tatum). While she retreats to her parents (Sam Neill, Jessica Lange) and ex-fiance (Scott Speedman) and other people she does remember, Leo's tasked with the

challenge of making his better half see him as more than a stranger, and then as her love again. Yes, that should remind you of "50 First Dates," and yes, that should tug at your heart anyway.

So the carpet is pretty much yanked out from underneath "The Vow" as Tatum—hilarious in "The Dilemma," good enough in the underrated "Dear John" and as funny as a poorly written "Saturday Night Live" episode allowed him to be—refuses to credibly emote like someone whose spouse no longer recognizes any of what they share. Of course, Leo's grateful that Paige is alive and able to walk and talk. But his world should be shattered. During moments that should sting, Tatum looks neither crushed nor numb. Just flat.

Much of "The Vow" sticks to the surface, particularly Paige's rich, snooty, Lake Forest-dwelling parents and their annoyingly devious scheme to put Paige's life back on its previous track, before she stopped speaking to them for years. McAdams, however, acquits herself well to a challenging role. Paige transforms from a creative, glowing newlywed to someone confused, lonely and lost. Like Joseph Gordon-Levitt in "The Lookout," McAdams communicates the alienating, post-brain injury frustration of searching for something upstairs behind a door that refuses to be unlocked.

Perhaps co-writer Jason Katims' ("Friday Night Lights") stamp can be seen in Leo's job owning a recording studio (Dax Shepard's character owns a studio on the Katims-produced "Parenthood"), or in the warm, stirring moments when Paige and Leo share the giddy, effortless laughter of people carving out their own world. Mostly "The Vow" seems to owe more to co-writers Abby Kohn and Marc Silverstein ("He's Just Not That Into You"), who shouldn't add so much manipulation into something tragic, and shouldn't continually rely on Leo to tell us in voiceover about his theory regarding major moments and how they define us. No one would disagree with that, man.



### Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind 2004

Kate Winslet and Jim Carrey hire a sketchy company to put their relationship out of their minds—literally. Turns

out they should have stuck with the traditional ice cream and sangria binge.



### 50 First Dates 2004

Drew Barrymore loses her short-term memory every night, explaining why she'd hook up with Adam Sandler more than once.



### The Notebook 2004

Rachel McAdams' first go-around at the theme of forgotten love uses Alzheimer's as its device instead of amnesia, but the memory of Ryan Gosling in the rain doesn't fade easily.

"This is a good story," Gena Rowlands says at one point. "I think I've heard it before." Yes you have, Gena. Yes you have.



# 'Supremely Original House,' this film is not

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## Safe House

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Stop me if you've heard this before:

» Someone in a government organization (FBI/CIA/whatever) may be corrupt.

» A former operative now is one of the most dangerous men on the planet.

» Foreign, anonymous villains have no names and slightly inferior driving skills to our hero.

Yes, all this freshness can be yours if you visit "Safe House," an action movie that might be better if it weren't about anything. The chases and fights are fine; that's not the issue. The issue is that the story, in which under-stimulated CIA agent Matt Weston (Ryan Reynolds) must secure ex-CIA agent/

current traitor Tobin Frost (Denzel Washington), has no rocks to uncover. This Cape Town, South Africa,-set action flick is a battlefield of the familiar, without the complexity or the spark to make it explode.

Recalling the political simplicity of disappointments such as "Green Zone" and "Rendition," "Safe House" wastes Vera Farmiga in a thankless command center role (a la "Source Code") and revolves around a secret file that "Mission: Impossible" has tracked down about a zillion times. Washington, quieting down his swagger, and Reynolds, exploring fear instead of his usual arrogance, work individually but never mesh, except when Matt locks Tobin in a trunk and Tobin breaks out from the inside. Their physical conflict achieves more than their conversation, which tackles the inevitability of corruption as if we hadn't already figured out what's going on 20 minutes ago. Anyone who says "Safe House" will keep you guessing either is a liar or just a really bad guesser.



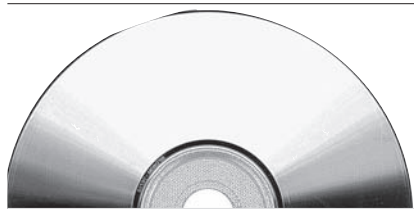
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## A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas

The dope-smoking buds cause a holiday fracas by inadvertently

burning down Harold's father-in-law's prize Christmas tree.

This is the film version of re-gifting. No matter how good the product, there's no big reason to get excited, because you've seen it before. First-time director Todd Strauss-Schulson wanted to pay tribute to directors from Busby Berkeley to Guy Ritchie in this send-up of holiday movies. But his nods are so on target that there are no original moments.

What saves the film is the natural chemistry of John Cho and Kal Penn as Harold and Kumar. They are the best film stoners since Cheech and Chong smoked their way to the top.



Cho and Penn

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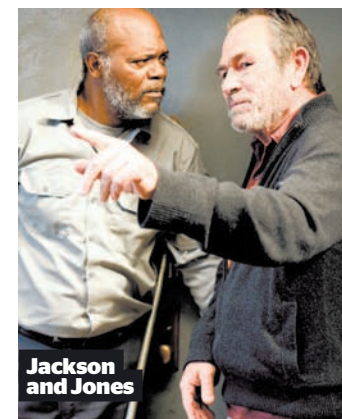
## The Sunset Limited

The film, which originally aired on HBO, is based on the play by Cormac McCarthy. It's

an example of how a production can be sparse in setting and action and still be powerful and moving.

After a suicide attempt by White (Tommy Lee Jones) is thwarted by Black (Samuel L. Jackson), the two men go to Black's sparse apartment to talk. The entire film is their discussion of life, death and the existence of God. Their opinions are as much a contrast as their names. Black is an ex-con evangelical Christian; White's an atheist professor.

The viewpoints make this production powerful. McCarthy's created a script where both positions come with very valid arguments. The discussions ring with a truthfulness because of the stars' skillful acting.



Jackson and Jones

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## movies



## Madonna's having a really bad week

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sloppy, incoherent "Filth and Wisdom," which isn't saying much. Unfortunately she also remains totally incompetent when it comes to shaping a story around humans with credible human feelings. Andrea Riseborough stars as Wallis Simpson, the real-life American woman whose controversial romance with Prince Edward (James D'Arcy) undermines his place on the throne (leaving room for his brother Bertie, the subject of "The King's Speech"). Clearly a "commoner" like Kate Middleton would not have been so beloved in 1936.

Supposedly, the relationship between Wallis and Edward signified one of the great loves of the 20th century. Yet "W.E." (whose title refers to "Wallis. Edward.") rapidly suggests Wallis simply preferred a rich, powerful guy like Edward to her perfectly nice husband, Ernest (David Harbour), who already was a big step up from Wallis' abusive first husband. Eighty years ago, evidently, there was quite the market for a woman named Wallis.

In late-'90s Manhattan, Wally Winthrop (Abbie Cornish of "Sucker Punch") has the unfortunate circumstance of being named after Simpson and the more unfor-

"W.E." may be Madonna's second directorial effort, but she still tells a story like a virgin.

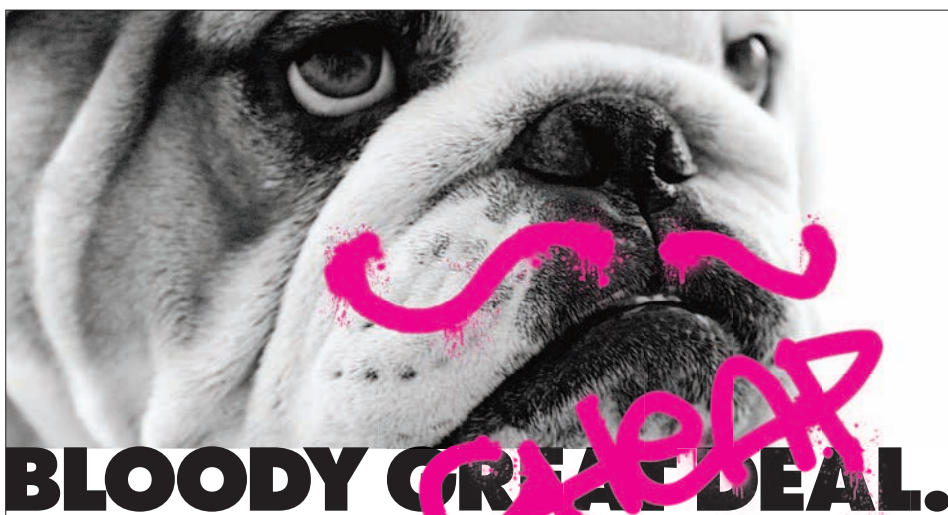
Guiding a script she wrote/botched with Alex Keshishian, the Material Girl takes a step forward visually from 2008's

tunate circumstance of being married to an untrustworthy man (Richard Coyle) who doesn't share her desire to have a baby. Since her spouse doesn't allow her to work, Wally spends her free time at Sotheby's, where she fixates on an upcoming auction of Wallis/Edward items and a security guard (Oscar Isaac) talks to her with obvious hopes of doing more than walk her home.

Cutting back and forth between the beginning of the century and the end, Madonna drains all momentum from both storylines while misguidedly suggesting Wallis and Wally faced the same situation. Should we really feel sorry for Wallis and the privacy she sacrificed when ditching her husband for a man she should have expected would change her normal life completely? "W.E." centers on a woman who seems to have known the consequences but whines anyway when they come true. It's also unclear what Edward sees in her, other than her willingness to ask him about his work and ability to make a good martini. Wally, meanwhile, oddly lacks friends and family for support but proves anyone can obtain private access to confidential documents by simply lying and saying, "I'm writing a book."

Even more problematically, Madonna again demonstrates horrid instincts as both writer and director, featuring dream sequences in which Wallis talks to Wally and absurdly emphasized smacks of a gavel during the auction. (It's just a sale, not a death sentence.) Based on her awkward Super Bowl halftime performance, the time she spent making the grueling, deeply unromantic "W.E." would have been better spent on dance practice.





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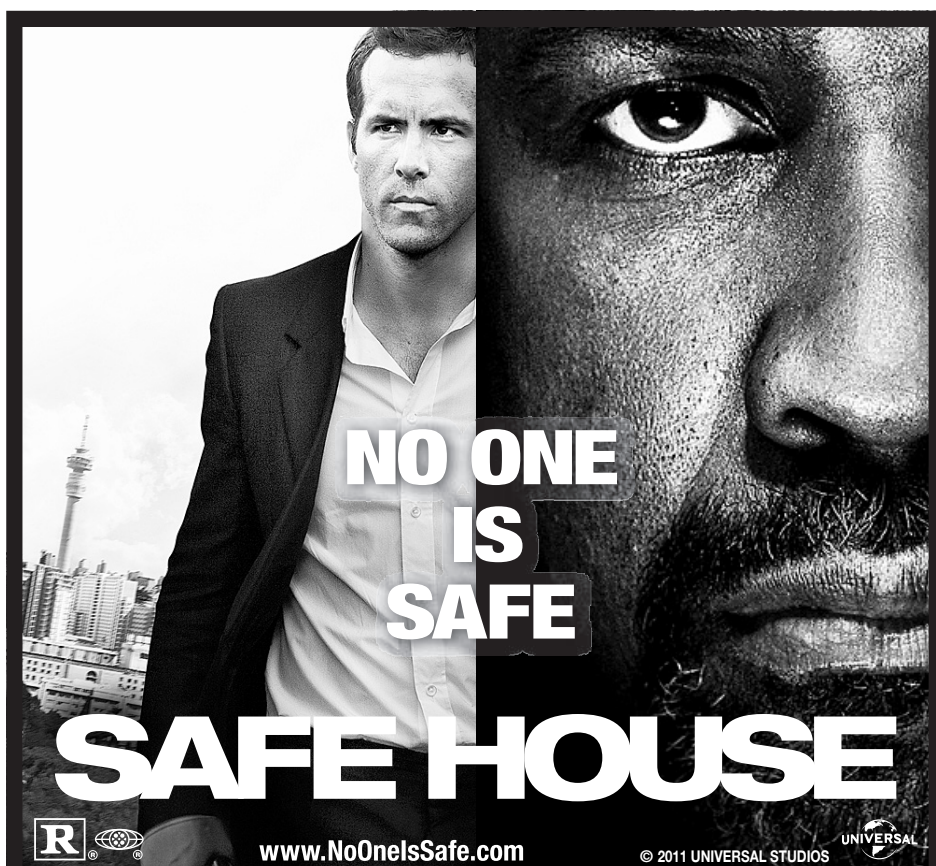
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- **Chronicle** (PG-13) ♦ 10:45, 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
- **Contraband** (R) 11:10, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** 3D (PG) 10:10, 1:10, 6:00, 8:25, 10:45
- **Underworld: Awakening** 3D (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 10:25
- **One for the Money** (PG-13) 1:50 P.M.

### LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago  
(773) 509-4949

- **The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2012: Animated** (NR) 8:20, 8:15
- **The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2012: Live Action** (NR) 1:25, 4:10, 10:00
- **Coriolanus** (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
- **The Descendants** (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (R) 2:20, 5:30, 8:30
- **Albert Nobbs** (R) 4:25, 7:00
- **Shame** (NC-17) 1:50, 9:40
- **My Week With Marilyn** (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35
- **The Artist** (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

### CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)

2600 N. Western Ave.  
(800) 326-3264 #1642

- **This Means War** (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
- **Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace** 3D (PG) 12:30, 3:45, 7:15, 10:25
- **Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace** 3D (PG) 12:00, 3:15, 6:30
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** 3D (PG) 12:45, 3:30, 6:10, 8:45, 11:15
- **Underworld: Awakening** 3D (R) 1:10, 3:50, 6:20, 9:40
- **Beauty and the Beast** 3D (G) 12:20, 3:00
- **Safe House** (R) 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 10:55
- **The Vow** (PG-13) 11:45, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:35
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) 11:30, 2:15, 4:45
- **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) 2:45, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15
- **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) (Open captioned) 12:10
- **Chronicle** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 9:15
- **Big Miracle** (PG) 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
- **Man on a Ledger** (PG-13) 9:50
- **The Grey** (R) 1:40, 5:20, 8:15, 11:05
- **Haywire** (R) 11:10
- **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) 7:40, 10:45

### DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago  
(773) 784-0893

- **Safe House** (R) ♦ 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
- **The Artist** (PG-13) 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
- **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) 7:00, 10:00
- **The Descendants** (R) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45

### FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago  
(888) AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily

- **Big Miracle** (PG) 10:55, 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30
- **The Vow** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25
- **Safe House** (R) ♦ 10:30, 12:40, 1:30, 3:35, 4:35, 6:30, 7:35, 9:50, 10:35
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) ♦ 1:20 P.M.
- **Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace** 3D (PG) ♦ 11:50, 3:20, 6:50, 10:10
- **Man on a Ledger** (PG-13) 10:35, 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55
- **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) 11:15, 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 10:05
- **The Grey** (R) ♦ 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35
- **Red Tails** (PG-13) 11:35, 3:15, 6:30, 9:45
- **Chronicle** (PG-13) 11:10, 1:55, 4:25, 6:55, 9:30
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** 3D (PG) ♦ 10:30, 4:00, 7:05, 9:50
- **Beauty and the Beast** 3D (G) 11:05, 1:30, 4:05, 6:35, 9:10
- **Underworld: Awakening** 3D (R) 10:50, 1:35, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55
- **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) 11:30, 2:10, 5:00, 7:25, 10:00

### GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street  
(312) 846-2800

- **House of Pleasures** (NR) 6:00 P.M.
- **I'm Not There** (R) 6:00 P.M.
- **El Bulli: Cooking in Progress** (NR) 8:15 P.M.
- **Addition Incorporated** (PG) 8:30 P.M.

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- **A Separation** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35
- **The Tree of Life** (PG-13) 4:15, 9:30
- **The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2012: Documentary** (NR) 7:00 P.M.
- **Drive** (R) 12:00 Midnight
- **Bridesmaids** (R) 12:00 Midnight

### THE PATIO THEATRE

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### RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago  
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Show times change daily

- **Big Miracle** (PG) 10:45, 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25
- **The Vow** (PG-13) ♦ 10:45, 11:35, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50
- **Safe House** (R) 10:35, 11:15, 1:45, 2:15, 4:40, 5:15, 7:35, 8:20, 10:30, 11:15, 12:15
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) ♦ 12:30 P.M.
- **AMC Independent Pina** 3D (PG) 10:25, 1:25, 4:00, 6:40, 9:15, 11:50
- **Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace** 3D (PG) ♦ 10:15, 11:30, 1:20, 2:30, 4:25, 5:40, 7:30, 9:00, 10:40, 12:15
- **AMC Independent The Descendants** (R) 10:00, 12:45, 3:35, 6:30, 9:30, 12:15
- **AMC Independent The Artist** (PG-13) ♦ 10:20, 1:00, 3:30, 5:55, 8:30, 11:05
- **Man on a Ledger** (PG-13) 10:00, 3:30, 8:55, 11:40
- **AMC Independent The Iron Lady** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:25, 4:10, 6:45, 9:25
- **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) ♦ 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, 12:10
- **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) 12:25, 6:00
- **The Grey** (R) 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00
- **Red Tails** (PG-13) 10:30, 4:00, 9:25
- **Chronicle** (PG-13) 10:45, 11:45, 1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 4:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45, 11:15, 12:05
- **Contraband** (R) 1:25, 6:50, 12:15
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** 3D (PG) 11:15 P.M.
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** 3D (PG) 10:00, 11:30, 1:25, 3:20, 4:50, 6:45, 8:15, 10:15, 11:30
- **AMC Independent The Descendants** (R) 10:05, 12:50, 3:40, 7:00, 10:00
- **AMC Independent The Artist** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:10, 6:05, 9:00, 11:25
- **Man on a Ledger** (PG-13) 10:15, 9:05
- **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) 10:30, 1:05, 3:40, 6:10, 8:50, 11:15
- **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) 12:40 P.M.
- **The Grey** (R) 11:05, 2:00, 5:05, 8:00, 11:00
- **Chronicle** (PG-13) 10:00, 12:15, 2:35, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50, 11:30
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island – An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
- **Contraband** (R) 8:30, 11:10
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** 3D (PG) 10:10, 6:40, 9:15
- **Beauty and the Beast** 3D (G) 10:10, 12:30, 2:40, 5:15
- **Underworld: Awakening** 3D (R) 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
- **Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol** (PG-13) 7:40, 10:45
- **Hugo** 3D (PG) 10:40, 2:10, 5:20
- **AMC Independent Haywire** (R) 1:00 P.M.
- **One for the Money** (PG-13) 3:30, 6:30

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- **Big Miracle** (PG) 12:10, 3:15, 6:00, 8:45
- **The Vow** (PG-13) 10:25, 11:45, 1:20, 2:50, 4:15, 5:40, 7:10, 8:40, 10:05, 11:20
- **Safe House** (R) 10:35, 12:20, 1:40, 3:15, 4:45, 6:20, 7:50, 9:30, 10:55
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) 3:50 P.M.
- **Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace** 3D (PG) 10:00, 11:30, 1:25, 3:20, 4:50, 6:45, 8:15, 10:15, 11:30
- **AMC Independent The Descendants** (R) 10:05, 12:50, 3:40, 7:00, 10:00
- **AMC Independent The Artist** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:10, 6:05, 9:00, 11:25
- **Man on a Ledger** (PG-13) 10:15, 9:05
- **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) 10:30, 1:05, 3:40, 6:10, 8:50, 11:15
- **Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close** (PG-13) 12:40 P.M.
- **The Grey** (R) 11:05, 2:00, 5:05, 8:00, 11:00
- **Chronicle** (PG-13) 10:00, 12:15, 2:35, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50, 11:30
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island – An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
- **Contraband** (R) 8:30, 11:10
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** 3D (PG) 10:10, 6:40, 9:15
- **Beauty and the Beast** 3D (G) 10:10, 12:30, 2:40, 5:15
- **Underworld: Awakening** 3D (R) 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
- **Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol** (PG-13) 7:40, 10:45
- **Hugo** 3D (PG) 10:40, 2:10, 5:20
- **AMC Independent Haywire** (R) 1:00 P.M.
- **One for the Money** (PG-13) 3:30, 6:30

### WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago  
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- **Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace** 3D (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
- **Safe House** (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** 3D (PG) 2:20, 7:20, 9:50
- **Hugo** 3D (PG) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
- **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25
- **Chronicle** (PG-13) 3:00, 5:30, 7:40, 10:00
- **Big Miracle** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 6:50, 9:55
- **The Grey** (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
- **The Vow** (PG-13) 1:30, 2:30, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:35
- **W.E.** (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) 4:50

### SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

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- **Big Miracle** (PG) 10:10, 1:05, 3:55, 6:40, 9:30
- **The Vow** (PG-13) 11:35, 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25
- **Safe House** (R) 10:45, 11:45, 1:40, 2:35, 4:35, 5:25, 7:30, 8:15, 10:30, 11:00
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** (PG) 1:35 P.M.
- **Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace** 3D (PG) 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- **Man on a Ledger** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45
- **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00
- **The Grey** (R) 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05
- **Red Tails** (PG-13) 10:35, 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:20
- **Chronicle** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:20, 3:45, 6:00, 8:20, 10:45
- **Contraband** (R) 7:25, 10:15
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** 3D (PG) 11:00, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20
- **Beauty and the Beast** 3D (G) 11:05, 1:30, 3:40, 8:00
- **Beauty and the Beast** 3D (G) 11:15, 1:30, 3:40, 8:00
- **Underworld: Awakening** 3D (R) 11:10, 1:55, 4:25, 6:50, 9:15
- **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) 10:05, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00

### SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

4779 W. Cermak, Cicero  
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- **Big Miracle** (PG) 10:25, 1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30
- **The Vow** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15
- **Safe House** (R) 10:45, 11:30, 1:45, 2:30, 4:45, 5:30, 7:45, 8:30, 10:45, 11:25
- **Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace** 3D (PG) 10:00, 1:15, 4:00, 8:00, 11:15
- **Man on a Ledger** (PG-13) 11:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:15, 9:50
- **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) 11:25, 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 10:00
- **The Grey** (R) 11:00, 1:55, 4:50, 7:40, 10:50
- **Red Tails** (PG-13) 10:20, 1:20, 4:05, 7:05, 10:10
- **Chronicle** (PG-13) 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45
- **Contraband** (R) 10:50, 1:35, 4:20, 7:25, 10:25
- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** 3D (PG) 11:15, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40
- **Beauty and the Beast** 3D (G) 11:45, 2:10, 4:25, 6:40, 9:00, 11:20
- **Underworld: Awakening** 3D (R) 10:00, 12:20, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20

### SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

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- **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island** 3D (PG) ♦ 11:10, 1:45, 4:15, 6:40, 9:00
- **Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace** 3D (PG) ♦ 9:50, 12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20
- **Safe House** (R) ♦ (Closed caption) 10:40, 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
- **Safe House** (R) ♦ 10:00, 12:40, 3:20, 6:00, 7:50, 8:45, 9:10, 10:50, 11:30, 11:50
- **The Vow** (PG-13) ♦ (Closed caption) 10:50, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
- **The Vow** (PG-13) ♦ 10:20, 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
- **Big Miracle** (PG-13) ♦ 10:10, 12:45, 3:45, 6:30
- **Chronicle** (PG-13) ♦ 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 6:10, 8:30, 11:00
- **The Woman in Black** (PG-13) ♦ 10:05, 12:30, 3:40, 6:20, 8:50, 11:15
- **The Grey** (R) 10:30, 1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00
- **Red Tails** (PG-13) 10:45, 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:45
- **Underworld: Awakening** 3D (R) 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 11:10
- **Contraband** (R) 11:30, 2:10, 5:00, 11:20
- **The Artist** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:10, 10:40
- **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) 7:30, 9:40 P.M.
- **Hugo** 3D (PG) 1:00, 3:50, 6:50
- **Hugo** (PG) 10:15 A.M.
- **The Descendants** (R) (Closed caption) 11:20, 2:20, 5:10, 8:00, 10:55

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# Valentine's Day is for lingerie

By Joanna Gustafson

FOR REDEYE

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about gifts. This year, forget the tired box of chocolates and bouquet of roses and spice things up and surprise your significant other with a visit to a local lingerie emporium.

Whether you're shopping for your girlfriend, your wife or maybe just a friend's upcoming bachelorette party, lingerie can be a great gift.

Lisse Levin, manager of Isabella Fine Lingerie (840 W. Armitage Ave.) in Lincoln Park, says the greatest challenge when it comes to buying lingerie for someone else is sizing.

"Always know their size in bras and panties before coming in to purchase," Levin suggests, though many shops do record ladies' sizes just for this purpose.

If you don't have a clue on size and the store doesn't have it on file, rifle through the giftee's drawers (in a non-creepy way) to get an idea. And if you're truly stumped, Levin suggests playing it safe with a gift certificate so you can shop together or "stick to items such as bralettes and panties as they come in sizes small, medium and large," she said. "Never purchase a bra and panty set if you are unsure of your significant other's size."

The other challenge when it comes to buying clothes for someone else, of course, is style—and making sure they love what you buy.

Levin suggests sticking to classic styles. A nice chemise (nightgown) also is a safe choice—and an especially good one if you're shopping for a friend and don't want to get too sexy. "Some women never treat themselves to lingerie, so a beautiful silk or cotton chemise can be a real treat," Levin said.

Lingerie stores often carry more than just lacy underthings. In addition to the old Hollywood-inspired Mimi Holiday line, which Levin loves and said "makes you feel ultra sexy," Isabella Fine Lingerie also carries JimmyJane hot oil massage candles. "They are heat sensitive," Levin explains. "You light the candle and can pour the oil directly onto the body—it's a fun treat for both."

“Always know their size in bras and panties before coming in to purchase.”

—Lisse Levin, manager of Isabella Fine Lingerie







Cosabella Never Say Never Sweetie Bralet (\$42) and Hottie Boyshorts (\$30) at Isabella Fine Lingerie



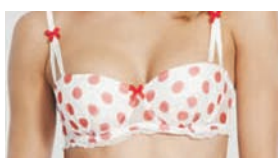
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# 5 ways to brush up on the political scene before a date

## The Date Report

OK, so it's the day of a first date, and you're realizing that because either a) you've been crazy busy, b) you've grown ultra-cynical lately or c) you just find it too depressing, you haven't been following what's going on in the world. What's more, you know the person you're going out with tonight probably, well, does, because you're attracted to smart and sophisticated people, which is why you're going out with him/her in the first place.

You need a crash course before tonight, college-style. Well you don't need to, but you absolutely want to, because you're determined to show your best self, and damned if something as petty as current events is going to ruin that for you.

Here are five ways you can brush up fast, and find plenty of things to talk about.

**1** Download the Democracy Now! podcast for the car/subway ride over. Amy Goodman's 15-year-old news program is the one of the best ways to catch up on the biggest stories of the day. The free audio podcast is perfect to listen to on your way over to the date, and you'll get both a survey of events and penetrating analysis.

**2** Leaf through The Economist over lunch. If you have some spare time and six bucks, pick up a copy of this London-based weekly. It gives a fantastic overview, region by region, of what's been going on in the past week and what big events are coming up. It's also a fantastic way to get a handle on the heavy stuff, such as the ongoing sovereign-debt crises—which, if anything, are going to be in the news more this year.

**3** Put on Al Jazeera English while you're getting ready. After the Egyptian revolution last year, some U.S. cities (including New York) started carrying the excellent



Doha, Qatar-based channel, which covers global politics better (and more fairly) than almost anyone. If you're really short on time, put this on while you're getting ready, and some of that international goodness is sure to seep in.

**4** Spend 15 minutes on a good local news site. With all the chatter about presidential politics and international affairs, it's easy to miss big things going on in your own backyard. You might find an impending law (smoking ban on all parks?), controversy (state legislature taking up marriage equality bill?) or even

an anecdote (they want to move the baseball team?!). That'll make for good conversation later that night.

**5** Start following journalists on Twitter that morning and check in throughout the day. Feeling truly current about the political scene today means literally up to the minute. Here are some good feeds to start with: @anamarietox, @ggreenwald, @christ-hayes and @maddowblog. They'll save you a lot of article-hunting time and can help process events as they unfold, to unpack the implications.

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# dining

## Our faves

**D** = served in dining room   **B** = served in Barcito   **L** = served in lounge

### Hamachi crudo

**D L** Lime juice-drizzled raw hamachi with tiny cubes of avocado and cucumber, whisps of jalapeno and grains of sea salt turned our taste buds into a pinball machine, with flavors bouncing from salty to crunchy to creamy to spicy. \$13.

### Lamb sausage

**D L** Slightly spicy sausage balances well with a rich chickpea puree and tangy house-made giardiniera. \$16.

### NEAR MISSES

Barcito's mussels (\$5), served sans shells in a too-rich pool of butter, didn't impress; neither did the cheese plate, which was underwhelming for the price (\$9) and arrived with no explanation of what was what. Satisfyingly smoky grilled octopus with fennel, orange and olive tapenade (\$12) lacked enough of the latter two elements to get the perfect bite every time. In a trio of desserts (\$9), fruit- and pumpkin seed-topped custards paled in comparison to the ultra-addictive chocolate version. Some cocktails (such as the Pisco Double Punch, \$10, and One-Thumbed Gypsy, \$11) are served in super-short glasses; though they're tasty and potent, it's disappointing when everyone else at the table has big drinks that last longer.

Find hours of operation and more details about Tavernita on [metromix.com](http://metromix.com).

### Serrano ham bocadillo

**B** This sandwich melded buttery sliced of ham with tangy cheese and tomato perfectly. Split it if you're not too hungry. \$4.

### Escalivada

**D L** This tangle of eggplant and pepper slices with goat cheese and hazelnut romesco sauce atop toasted discs of bread is a killer vegetarian choice. \$9.

### The Turista

**D L** This tequila-based drink with preserved cherry and grapefruit has a serious kick thanks to black pepper syrup and barbecue bitters. \$10.50.

### Booty Collins

**D L** Fun to say & drink. We wouldn't be surprised if this green tea-infused vodka drink with passionfruit, lemon and cayenne notes is the top seller. \$11.50.

### Olives

**B** Simple, but one of the best values. Almost too many olives for two people to tackle, with pieces of pickled garlic (yum) mixed in. \$3.



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# Tres spaces

No shortage of options at Tavernita

By Lisa Arnett and Emily Van Zandt

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For month-old restaurant Tavernita, delay-induced anticipation (summer 2011 was the goal) plus a hot-stuff chef (Ryan Poli of Perennial, and before that, Butter) has added up to deafening buzz. Pile onto that the name recognition of the owners (the same group as nearby River North taco palace Mercadito) and a seriously sophisticated drink selection (48 taps go way beyond beer), and it's no wonder no one can stop talking about the place.

And really, Tavernita is three places in one. The dining room serves Poli's Spanish-inspired plates that are, of course, meant for sharing. Then there's a dinner lounge with oversized booths and bottle service for groups. And a separate room inspired by Spain's pintxos bars, Barcito, serves a separate menu of drinks and cheap bites. We checked out all three.





**Tavernita cocktails**  
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE PHOTOS

## LOUNGE

Separated by a few stairs, a swept-aside velvet curtain and two massive slatted murals that open and close like shutters, Tavernita's lounge was the last of its three parts to open and it's still getting into gear. I enlisted a friend who's traveled to Spain to join me for a late weeknight dinner. Over serrano ham croquetas (\$10) that reminded her of the ones made by her Spanish host family, we both agreed the booth-lined space was more conversation-friendly than the dining room. After 10 p.m. on weekends, a communal dining table will transform into a bar and a DJ will be booked as soon as next weekend. And in a few weeks, Tippling Bros., the NYC-based cocktail consultants that designed Tavernita's drinks (and also sibling spot Mercadito and its lounge, Double A) plan to debut a bottle service menu. I expected something really unique for high-rolling groups, but Tipping's Paul Tanguay says that because the by-the-glass drink menu already is so elaborate, it'll be basic bottles and mixers. Why bother? I'd rather see pitchers or punch bowls of kegged cocktails for groups rather than the same old club routine. **L.A.**



**Tavernita**

## BARCITO

Looking for drinks and snacks after work on a weekday, my friend and I made our way into Barcito, which is separated from the dining room by a massive wooden door and a glass display case filled with what looks like carefully curated artifacts from a historian's study. After having to shift my barstool a few times to fit between our skinny table and the already drunk businessmen behind us, we settled in and were starving. Luckily, small plates come fast and the drinks even faster thanks to the same cocktails-on-tap setup they have next door. Sipping oversized glasses of red sangria (\$10), we watched as the space—a big bar in the center ringed by tall four-person tables—became standing-room-only-full with young girls-night-out groups and groups of office co-workers, served by waitresses clad in torn, off-the-shoulder Barcito T-shirts. By 10 p.m., we were happy to turn over the table to a hovering group. I can only imagine how packed this will be in the summer, when the walls of windows open out onto the corner of Erie and LaSalle. **E.V.Z.**



**Grilled octopus at Tavernita**

## DINING ROOM

It's 7:45 p.m. on Tavernita's first Friday night open. Early for our dinner reservation, my date and I wedge ourselves in at the long bar on one side of the dining room. A little over a year ago at this very address, bartenders were shaking up candy-colored drinks at cougar magnet Martini Park. Infinitely more cutting-edge, Tavernita's bar is equipped with the most elaborate tap system I've ever seen, allowing bartenders to keep pace with big crowds by pouring sangria, vermouth, ciders, house-made sodas, beer and impressively complex cocktails, all from kegs. On one side of us, there's a cluster of shrieking, sangria-sipping girls, some in sky-high heels and others rocking salt-stained snow boots. On the other, it's shouting, suit-clad men with file folders and laptop cases piled on a barstool.

The candlelit tables are so close together that I almost set my jacket on fire squeezing into my seat. (The votives turn out to be faux, so no harm done.) We can hardly hear our server over the music and chatter, but she cheerily explains how to navigate the menu, which is split up into three sections: crudo (raw seafood, \$4-\$13), en pan (stuff that's on or served with bread, \$8-\$15) and platos (dishes ranging from small to large, \$7-\$24). Our dishes and drinks are perfectly paced, which is impressive considering the place is packed. As we pay our check, a group of seriously dolled-up girls debate what club they'll head to later. Another booth full of diners grooving in their seats and high-fiving each other make us feel a little like we're already in one. **L.A.**

## BOTTOM LINE

Some foodies might think it's too sceney and some scenesters may not appreciate the food and drinks, but for the majority in the middle, Tavernita hits the sweet spot for a hot night out.



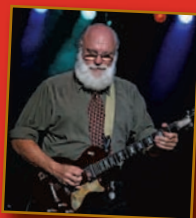


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at Rosemont Theatre.

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While there have been outright controversial picks (Jethro Tull over Metallica in 1989 for "Best Hard Rock/Metal Performance," anyone?) the Grammys exist for a basic reason: To let the people who do that stuff for a living tell you what's best. Grammy winners usually represent the best (and most purchased) records that came out in the previous year. I know it's cool to hate pop music and its ilk, but remember what "pop" fully stands for. Also, for every award winner that simply pumps out crappy tunes, there's a Questlove or Dave Grohl voting as Academy members there to keep the rest honest. Don't worry, they know what they're doing.

If you believe flute-featuring Jethro Tull is one of the best heavy metal bands of all time, Milli Vanilli was made up of two of the most accomplished singers ever or "Who Let the Dogs Out?" should deserve any kind of honor, then you might think the Grammy Awards matter. The rest of us know Metallica should have won that Grammy, that Milli Vanilli—made up of no one who actually sang the recorded music that won a Grammy—is a stain on music history and that the Baha Men should never be allowed near a recording studio ever again.



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## A (foodie) social network

Reuters

**SAN FRANCISCO** There are magazines, TV shows and books about food. So why not a social network?

That's the thinking behind online lifestyle publisher Glam Media's newest offering. On Thursday, the company launched **foodie.com**, a social network devoted entirely to the gastronomic crowd.

The move represents an important expansion for Glam into the ever-popular, advertising-friendly world of food-related media, from restaurant reviews to recipes. In a change from its traditional practice of creating websites that showcase articles about fashion and health, Glam is betting that food lovers want a specialized social network to indulge their palates.

Users of **foodie.com** can create profiles for the service with their existing Facebook or Twitter credentials. Once signed on to the social network, they can follow chefs and food writers, share their own musings and dig through a recipe finder, among other activities.

Glam has enlisted more than 100 food writers and bloggers, as well as an advisory board of culinary experts including food



critic Patricia Wells and "Iron Chef" winner Geoffrey Zakarian, to produce content for the service.

Glam Chief Executive Samir Arora said there was room for a specialized social network about food to live alongside Facebook. Most people will be active on three to four online social networks, Arora said.

People who are passionate about food will make **foodie.com** one of their three or four standard social networks, he predicted. Other people will visit when they need a recipe or are looking for a restaurant.

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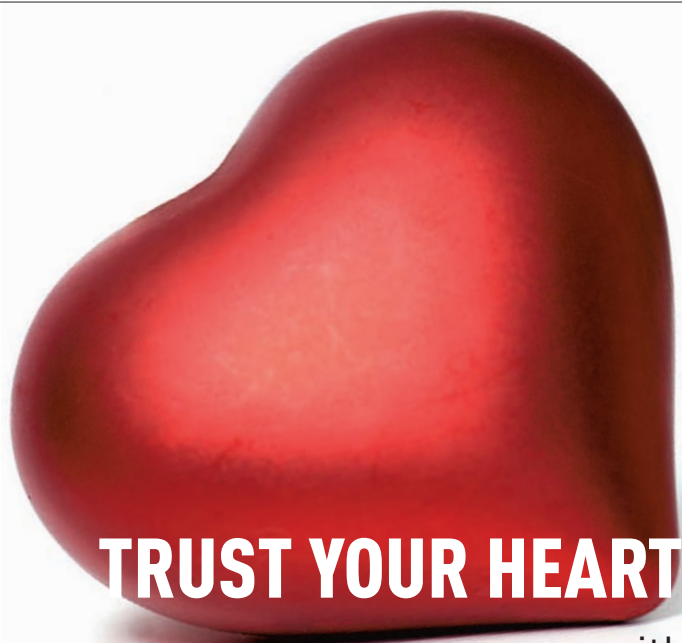
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By Mick Swasko

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Chris Kutill's life has changed a little since Monday.

Sure, the 21-year-old Columbia student is used to having his picture taken as he strides around the city donning a blue and yellow hat and red jacket. He's well aware that he bears a striking resemblance to Eric Cartman, a "South Park" cartoon-counterpart that since high school he's had a knack for imitating.

But the Printers Row resident is not used to being, as he puts it, "Internet famous."

"It's just weird I've gotten noticed now on campus from one photo on Reddit," he said.

The photo, posted to the link-sharing site early Monday, quickly garnered thousands of views and comments.

Kutill said he's gotten thumbs-up and head nods around the city, and has even been asked if he's "that Cartman guy from the Internet." He said he's taken the digital fame one day at a time but plans on doing an "Ask Me Anything" post on Reddit and has created a Twitter account (@cartmanIRL) to supplement his new-found status.

Despite the recognition, Kutill said he never



**Chris Kutill**  
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sought this much attention from wearing the knit cap his mom made and a red winter jacket.

"I never had any reason to want it or know how to do that; it happened so fast. I never thought it would," he said.

## MORE ONLINE

Sure, Chris Kutill *looks* like Eric Cartman—but does he *sound* like Cartman? Visit **redeyechicago.com** to see a video of Kutill screeching some of Cartman's famous catchphrases.

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# Stars on wheels



ABOUT LAST NIGHT

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You don't need to be a car buff to enjoy the Chicago Auto Show, which opens Friday at McCormick Place. The event will again feature several Chicago athletes appearing on behalf of various manufacturers.

Guests can line up to meet the Bears' Earl Bennett on Friday and Feb. 18, the Blackhawks' Patrick

Kane and Jonathan Toews on Sunday (maybe you've seen their Chevy commercials?), and the Bulls' Joakim Noah and Ronnie Brewer on Feb. 17 and Feb. 19, respectively.

Manufacturers likely will book more celebrity appearances at the last minute, as in years past. Each will have its own set of rules for the meet-and-greets. Chevy is

## WHAT ABOUT FAMOUS CARS?

Guests likely won't see any cars from the entertainment world such as the Batmobile or Bumblebee from "Transformers." You're more likely to see those sorts of cars at World of Wheels, set for March 2-4 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, according to Paul Brian, spokesman for the Chicago Automobile Trade Association.

limiting fans to one autographed item and no personal photos during Kane and Toews' appearance, but other manufacturers might be more lenient.

"[Blackhawks legend] Bobby Hull was here last year with Bridgestone, and he signed everything but the dinner check," said Paul Brian, spokesman for the Chicago Automobile Trade Association, which produces the show.

The Chicago Auto Show has featured its share of other stars, including actors Kevin Bacon and Anthony Edwards, singers Cyndi Lauper and Kelis, and "Entertainment Tonight" host Nancy O'Dell.

"Cyndi Lauper danced on the hood of a Mercedes SL when she performed at First Look For Charity [in 2004]," Brian said. "She dug her heels into the aluminum and left her heel prints. They had to replace the whole hood of the car."

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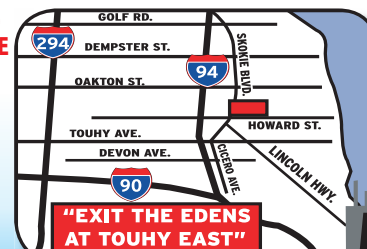
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ACROSS

- 1 One of many in a mall  
5 Traditional nun's wear  
10 "When you \_ upon a star"  
14 Easy stride  
15 Remembered  
Texas mission  
16 Ran \_; encountered  
17 Final word of a prayer  
18 Well-mannered  
20 Fellows  
21 Crew members  
22 Make amends  
23 Lift with a crane  
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31 Word in the names of most bowling alleys  
32 Intensive aerial bombing  
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45 Forget-me- \_; flower  
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47 Sudden muscle contraction  
50 Assists  
51 Capture  
54 Like an action for which one incurs a penalty  
57 Sinful habit  
58 Linkletter and Carney  
59 Dole out  
60 Hotels  
61 Robin's home  
62 Track events  
63 Grows old

DOWN

- 1 Grand \_; bridge coup  
2 Residence  
3 Generous  
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5 Keep bugging  
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9 Part of a sock  
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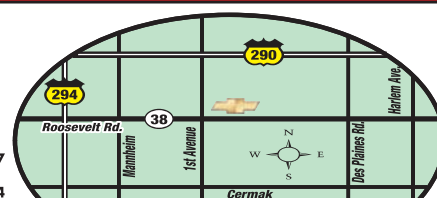


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# whoville

## 10 pressing questions about the Grammy Awards

By Matt Pais

REDEYE

You can't wait to see who will win album of the year at Sunday's Grammy Awards! Will it be Adele or Foo Fighters? Or will Lady Gaga come in and steal it? Oh, right: You stopped caring who wins those things years ago, once you were old enough to realize how much great music goes un-nominated and how much mediocrity is included. (Looking at you, Bruno Mars.)

Rather than predicting winners, it's much more fun to consider what questions we have for the upcoming performance extravaganza—we mean, important awards show. Predict the answers, and tune in Sunday to see if you were right!

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# GOTTA KNOW

**1** How will Adele sound in her comeback performance following vocal cord surgery? Will her voice be as strong as ever, or will she downshift from "spectacular" to "very, very, very good"?

**2** How many different pronunciations will there be of Bon Iver? On that note, will anyone pronounce the 5 in Deadmau5?

**3** Coldplay is doing a duet with Rihanna on their collaboration "Princess of China." Will that inspire Chris Martin to unleash his inner Rihanna, or vice-versa?



Chris Martin



Rihanna



Nicki Minaj  
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### IF YOU WATCH

**Grammy Awards** 7 p.m. Sunday on CBS

Check out red carpet fashions at [redeyechicago.com](http://redeyechicago.com).



**4** If Jay-Z and Kanye win anything for "Watch the Throne," how much cash will they throw into the audience? Or will they merely flash it to remind us who is and is not on the throne?

**5** How many young viewers will see host LL Cool J and have no idea he used to be a rapper? Will he refer to any female artist with kids as a momma who will knock you out?



**6** How will Fleet Foxes react if they lose best folk album to Eddie Vedder and his ukulele? What does a folk music brawl look like?



**7** How will the audience react if Chris Brown wins anything? Could we hear boos, or will his dazzling footwork across the stage make people forget why they don't like him as a person?



**8** What channel will you turn to when Jason Aldean performs and country awards are given out? If you like country, can you forget we asked that question?

**9** Will Bruce Springsteen's performance feature the same crotch-first slide toward the camera as his 2009 Super Bowl performance? Is it a compliment to be known as the Boss of Crotch Sliding?



**10** Speaking of flash: Who will have the showiest outfit: Nicki Minaj, Lady Gaga (above left) or Katy Perry (above right)? What are the chances any of them could squeeze through most normal-sized door frames?



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The fundraising commitment required to attend Giuliana Rancic's Fab-Fest, an all-day wellness event for women set for April 15 at the Four Seasons in support of breast cancer charity Bright Pink.

## One of a kind

How original is Blue Ivy, Beyonce and Jay-Z's daughter? So original the power couple has filed a trademark application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Washington Post reports. The move appears to be a move to protect Blue Ivy's name from others who are trying to cash in on it, [latimes.com](http://latimes.com) reports. Guess we won't be changing the name of this page from Red Hot to Blue Ivy ...



## HOT DATE

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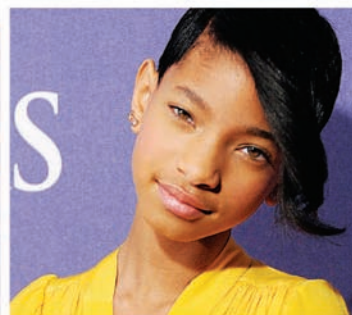
That's when Chicago band Maps & Atlases will release its second album, "Beware and Be Grateful," its record label announced Wednesday.

## CTA with sizzle

When it came to getting a free car or getting into the "Top Chef: Texas" finale, [Spiaggia chef Sarah Grueneberg](#) didn't have to think twice. She chose immunity and automatic entrance into the finale after winning the quickfire in Wednesday's episode. "Too much \$\$\$\$ to park! My 146 runs well!!!!" Grueneberg tweeted to RedEye's Tracy Swartz. Perhaps the CTA is the real winner after that vote of confidence.



# Who's NOT there?



Here are five reasons to tune in to BET for the fifth annual BET Honors show at 8 p.m. Monday: Jennifer Hudson (clockwise from top left), Common, Kelly Rowland, Willow Smith and Rakwon perform. Here are five more: Michelle Obama, Maya Angelou, Spike Lee, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Terrence Howard also are there. The celebratory show taped last month in Washington, D.C.



I found this one app where you can swear, so I was still really getting my point across."

—Adele, talking to Anderson Cooper about a vital work-around app she used following recent vocal cord surgery



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